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ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO IN GENEVA HAS ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TEHRAN.

"I WANT TO EXTEND TO YOU MY SINCERE WISHES FOR THE BRIGHTEST HOLIDAY SEASON EVER AND MY HOPE FOR ALL GOOD LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR.

"1973 HAS BEEN A MOMENTOUS YEAR FOR ALL OF US IN THE NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA. I WANT TO COMMEND EACH OF YOU FOR THE GREAT EFFORTS YOU HAVE EXPENDED THIS YEAR. WE WILL, UNDOUBTEDLY, HAVE TO CALL UPON YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN AS THE NEW YEAR UNFOLDS AND I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO RESPOND WITH THE GREAT PROFESSIONALISM THAT YOU HAVE DISPLAYED SO WELL THIS PAST YEAR.

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"THIS HOLIDAY SEASON HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR ME

BECAUSE AT PRESENT WE ARE ENGAGED IN A VERY SERIOUS EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE TRAGIC MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL JOIN US IN OUR
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PRAYERS THAT THESE PRESENT EFFORTS TO FIND A PERMANENT
SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE LONG PLAGUED US WILL
BE SUCCESSFUL.

SIGNED JOSEPH J. SISCO, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, NEAR EAST AND
SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS." RUSH

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